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Hi Tripp,

You can attribute this to Nancy Grantham, an agency spokeswoman:

The issuance of a work order doesn't mean that there has been a final decision to build a wastewater treatment plant. Agency staff initiated the RFP process immediately after the spill, so that the procurement process would be well underway if that decision were to be made. (It can take several weeks to specify, solicit proposals, conduct technical evaluations, and then mobilize and deploy.)

We have continued to proceed with the necessary steps to procure a system. Our contractor has solicited proposals and is evaluating 6 company proposals. This evaluation is in process

At the same time, the agency is conducting an analysis to determine if a temporary treatment plant provides a measurable benefit to water quality downstream in the Animas River. The agency is closely coordinating with officials in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Southern Ute tribe, Mountain Ute tribe, and Navajo Nation to develop a comprehensive, long-term plan for the Gold King Mine site.

BACKGROUND

You can read the RFP here: <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/08-1574715.pdf>

In particular, you'll want to see:

1. Page 6, 3.0, "Project Technical Requirements":

"EPA has directed ER to procure an interim water treatment plant for the treatment of mine discharge for an emergency response action at the Gold King Mine Site in Colorado. ..."

2. Page 26, 11.0 Award of Subcontract:

Bidders should note this is an EPA time-critical removal project and that bidder's inability to provide an aggressive, but realistic, schedule and demonstrated ability to provide all required resources on schedule, will be considered during the evaluation process. Be advised this RFP does not guarantee the work will be performed, and makes no guarantee on quantities. The actual quantities may be greater than or less than the quantity specified in the Scope of Work.

